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SUBJECT: CCMS: PROGRESS REPORT TO NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL

1. THERE FOLLOWS BELOW TEXT OF C-M(78)41:

BEGIN TEXT: NOTE BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL

ATTACHED FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL IS A PROGRESS
REPORT BY THE ACTING CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE
CHALLENGES OF MODERN SOCIETY.

I SHALL ASSUME THAT THE COUNCIL HAS TAKEN NOTE OF THIS
REPORT UNLESS I HAVE ANY COMMENTS BY 14 JUNE, 1978. SIGNED
JOSEPH M.A.H. LUNS.

PROGRESS REPORT BY THE ACTING CHAIRMAN.

1. THE COMMITTEE ON THE CHALLENGES OF MODERN SOCIETY(CCMS)
HELD ITS EIGHTEENTH PLENARY SESSION ON 14-15 MARCH, 1978
AT NATO HEADQUARTERS. THE PRINCIPAL HIGHLIGHTS OF THE
SESSION WERE A VERY INFORMATIVE ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSION
ON PROBLEMS OF INNER CITY AREAS AND COMMITTEE APPROVAL OF
A NEW PILOT STUDY. THE COMMITTEE ALSO NOTED A FOLLOW-UP
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REPORT ON THE URBAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY AND A CONSOLIDA-
TED PROGRESS REPORT ON ALL THE ON-GOING CCMS STUDIES.

2. IN HIS COMMENTS OPENING THE MEETING, THE SECRETARY
GENERAL NOTED THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF THE CCMS STUDIES WILL
BE COMPLETED DURING THE COURSE OF 1978 AND THAT FINAL
REPORTS ON THESE STUDIES ARE EXPECTED TO BE SUBMITTED TO

THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL THIS YEAR. HE STATED THAT THE COMMITTEE WOULD THEREFORE WISH TO REPLENISH ITS WORK PROGRAMME AND RECALLED THAT A CCMS AD HOC GROUP HAD MET AT NATO HEADQUARTERS IN JANUARY TO CONSIDER SUBJECTS FOR FUTURE STUDIES. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE NOTED THAT CAREFUL SELECTION OF A TOPIC WAS NECESSARY TO ASSURE THAT THE FINAL RESULT WOULD BE OF A VERY HIGH STANDARD.

3. HE ALSO NOTED THAT THE NATO SCIENCE COMMITTEE, WHICH HAS FOR MANY YEARS EXERTED STRONG LEADERSHIP IN PROMOTING SPECIAL PROGRAMMES AIMED AT GIVING MAN GREATER SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE ABOUT HIS ENVIRONMENT WOULD SOON BE HOLDING ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION CONFERENCE. HE SUGGESTED THAT AS CCMS LOOKED AT ITS WORK PROGRAMME, IT MIGHT WISH TO REVIEW THE MAJOR CONCLUSIONS OF THE COMMEMORATION CONFERENCE, SINCE THEY MIGHT OFFER SUGGESTIONS FOR NEW CCMS STUDIES.

INNER CITY PROBLEMS ROUND-TABLE

4. REPRESENTATIVES OF ELEVEN COUNTRIES SPOKE DURING THE ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSION ON THE PROBLEMS OF INNER CITY AREAS. A FEW OF THE MANY COMMON POINTS WHICH EMERGED:

--WHEN DEALING WITH INNER CITY PROBLEMS, COUNTRIES EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF USING AN INTEGRATED APPROACH WHICH TAKES INTO ACCOUNT SOCIAL, ECONOMIC ,POLITICAL, ENVIRON-
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MENTAL AND OTHER PERTINENT FACTORS.

--THERE IS A NEED THAT THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN DECISIONS AFFECTING THEM.

--THERE SHOULD BE A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN LOCAL AND CENTRAL GOVERNMENTS AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR SINCE GOVERNMENTS ALONE CANNOT TACKLE THE PROBLEMS.

SEISMIC RISK AND EARTHQUAKE PREDICTION

5. THE COMMITTEE APPROVED A PROPOSAL BY ITALY FOR THE INITIATION OF A PILOT STUDY ON SEISMIC RISK AND EARTHQUAKE PREDICTION. THE COUNCIL GAVE ITS APPROVAL BY THE SILENCE PROCEDURE ON 24 APRIL, 1978(C-M(78)27). SEVERAL COUNTRIES INDICATED THEY WOULD ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THE STUDY. THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF THE STUDY, TO BE PILOTTED BY ITALY, IS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE KNOWLEDGE REQUIRED TO REDUCE THE HAZARDS AND COSTS POSED TO MAN AND HIS STRUCTURES BY EARTHQUAKES. THE STUDY WILL FACILITATE THE ESTIMATION OF SEISMIC RISK IN AREAS OF LOW TO MODERATE SEISMICITY AND PROVIDE A BASIS FOR ESTIMATING ADDITIONAL SEISMIC RISKS POSED BY

THE IMPOUNDMENT OF A LARGE RESERVOIR OR INJECTION OF FLUIDS INTO THE GROUND AND FOR CHARACTERIZING THE STRONG GROUND MOTION OF FUTURE LARGE EARTHQUAKES. IT IS INTENDED TO DESIGN AND ESTABLISH A FIELD EXPERIMENT AIMED AT OBSERVING THE PROCESSES AND PRECURSORS WARNING OF A LARGE EARTHQUAKE. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

6. AT A FOLLOW-UP MEETING ON THE PROJECT ON EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, WHICH CONSTITUTED A COMPONENT OF THE COMPLETED STUDY ON ADVANCED HEALTH CARE, HELD AT MONTPELLIER, FRANCE ON 26-28 SEPTEMBER, 1977, EXPERTS RECOM-

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MENDED THAT THIS PROJECT BE CONTINUED AS A SEPARATE CCMS STUDY. THE NEW STUDY, TO BE PILOTTED BY THE UNITED STATES, WOULD BE DEVOTED TO SUCH AREAS AS POISON CONTROL AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND ORGANIZATIONS AND MANAGEMENT OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEMS. THE PROPOSAL IS BEING CONSIDERED FURTHER BY COUNTRIES.

URBAN TRANSPORTATION

7. THE COMMITTEE ALSO NOTED A REPORT SUBMITTED BY THE UNITED STATES WHICH SUMMARIZED RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREAS COVERED BY THE COMPLETED URBAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY. IN ACCORDANCE WITH ONE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT ISSUED FROM THE STUDY, A MEETING OF EXPERTS WAS CONVENED IN MAY 1978 TO CONSIDER FURTHER POSSIBLE CCMS ACTIVITY IN THE FIELD OF TRANSPORTATION.

SUGGESTIONS FOR STUDIES

8. THE COMMITTEE REVIEWED A NUMBER OF SUGGESTIONS FOR OTHER CCMS STUDIES AND INVITED THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF TO CONVENE AN AD HOC MEETING OF NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES TO CONSIDER THESE AND OTHER SUGGESTIONS.

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CONSOLIDATED PROGRESS REPORT

9. THE COMMITTEE TOOK NOTE OF A CONSOLIDATED PROGRESS REPORT (AC/274-D/82) WHICH GIVES THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE ELEVEN ON-GOING STUDIES. THIS REPORT AFFORED THE COMMITTEE AN OPPORTUNITY TO VIEW ITS WORK PROGRAMME IN AN INTEGRATED MANNER.

ACTIVITIES OF THE SCIENCE COMMITTEE

10. THE COMMITTEE ALSO RECEIVED A REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE NATO SCIENCE COMMITTEE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO CCMS. THIS REPORT IS DESIGNED TO KEEP CCMS ABREAST OF SCIENCE COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES IN ORDER TO HELP MAXIMIZE COMPLEMENTARITY OF EFFORTS OF THE TWO BODIES. SUGGESTIONS WERE MADE FOR CLOSER INTERACTIONS BETWEEN THE SCIENCE COMMITTEE AND THE CCMS IN A NUMBER OF PROBLEM AREAS OF COMMON INTEREST.

AUTUMN PLENARY SESSION

11. THE COMMITTEE IS TO HOLD ITS NEXT PLENARY SESSION ON 17-18 OCTOBER, 1978 AT NATO HEADQUARTERS.

RECOMMENDATION.

12. THE COUNCIL IS INVITED TO TAKE NOTE OF THIS REPORT.

SIGNED, M.N. OZDAS.

2. WE RECOMMEND THAT WE BE AUTHORIZED TO APPROVE NOTING OF THE CCMS PROGRESS REPORT BY THE SILENCE PROCEDURE.

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